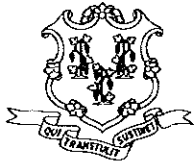


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# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

### Testimony

The Insurance and Real Estate Committee

February 19, 2013

### **Raised S.B. No. 861 AN ACT CONCERNING THE MODERNIZATION OF CERTAIN MEDICAL FORMS.**

Senator Crisco, Representative Megna, committee co-chairs, Senator Kelly and Representative Sampson, ranking members, and Members of the Committee, the Insurance Department appreciates the opportunity to submit testimony relating to Raised S.B. No. 861 – An Act Concerning The Modernization Of Certain Medical Forms.

This bill would require the Insurance Commissioner to develop, health care professionals to use, and health carriers to use and accept, uniform prior authorization forms. It would also require health carriers and managed care organizations to make available electronically to health care professionals, clinical criteria used for utilization review.

The Department is not aware of what problems might exist with medical preauthorization forms as they exist today. It is also worth noting that the two hour time frame regarding prior authorization deadline found in this legislation may be in conflict with current utilization review statutes and merits closure scrutiny.

It is the Department's position that the process generally functions effectively. The Department welcomes the opportunity to work with the Committee on this legislation once the impetus for this bill becomes clear.